

PLAGUE'S TOTAL IS 6 DEATHS

Number of Cases Rapidly Nearing 30 Mark—Gertrude Dowd Dies—Sophian Blames Carelessness For Increase in Epidemic Virulence.

Expert Plans to Bar Circuses, Fairs and Carnivals, to Prevent Parades and Stop Band Concerts—Would Lessen Church Attendance.

Carelessness, born of an unfounded sense of security, has combined with the hot weather to cause the great flare in the flame of epidemic that has been observed in the last few days, says Dr. Abraham Sophian.

Bridgeport had its sixth death of infantile paralysis today. There are 22 cases under treatment. More new cases have been discovered in the last few days than in any similar period since the first week of the epidemic.

"Because there was a lull in the excitement," declared Dr. Sophian, today, "people began to get too confident. This led to relaxation of the safeguards with a consequent increase in the number of cases."

"That is my belief, as a result of a study I made of the situation yesterday that a false sense of security and the hot weather have caused the increase."

While admitting that the number of new cases from day to day is likely to fluctuate, Dr. Sophian announced a series of new precautions designed to aid in preventing the spread of the contagion.

For the next month, he said, no circus, fair or carnival will be allowed in the city. Parades will be prevented. If the board of park commissioners agrees, band concerts will be stopped. Dr. Sophian said he will send an investigator to communicate with clergymen as to the advisability of suspending Sunday congregations.

Dr. Sophian issued a warning today against raw milk. He advised that no raw milk be used unless it has been boiled at least three minutes.

Of 34 stores investigated by the health inspectors, according to their report today, only one was found satisfactory. Of 16 barber shops inspected, none was found satisfactory. Of 54 restaurants, 27 were sent notices to improve conditions.

The stores are checked up, on sanitary ice boxes, soiled fixtures, unclean windows, dirty back rooms, etc. Improper sterilization or lack of it, lack of hot water, toilet locations, etc., was checked up on the barber shops. Of the restaurants, Dr. Sophian said: "The report speaks very well. There has been a tremendous improvement. Most of the trouble now is in the failure of some to wash dishes properly."

Dr. Sophian and Miss Catherine Tuite, the supervisor of nurses, examined the houses in the congested districts today. They found much cleaning up going on, but the people were throwing the refuse in the streets. Superintendent of Police J. H. Redgate has agreed to try to stop this. Throwing it in the streets is as bad as not cleaning at all, according to Dr. Sophian. Nurses will be sent on a house to house canvass to educate the people into adopting better methods.

Gertrude L. Dowd, aged nine, of 105 Anson street, died at 2 o'clock this morning at Hillside home. She was a definite case of polymyositis. Hers was the sixth death.

Two new cases were reported today, those of Joseph Coles of 473 Fairview avenue, and Rocco Pappo, aged four months, of 200 North Washington avenue. Two suspected cases are being examined this afternoon. They are Alice Keating, aged three, of 1,099 Ogden street, and Savario Seratino, aged 22 months, of 31 Higgins avenue.

Because of crowded conditions at Hillside home and the ability of the family to give the child proper care, Frederick Wheeler of 75 Laurel street was taken back to his parents' residence today. The house will be quarantined again, this time for eight weeks.

Quarantine was lifted today at the home of Andre Seguin, of 231 State street.

41 Deaths in New York

New York, Aug. 5.—Little change in the epidemic of infantile paralysis was shown in the daily bulletin of the health department issued this morning. During the 24 hours ending at 10 a. m. there were 41 deaths and 169 new cases in the city. Since the inception of the epidemic, June 28, there have been 1,066 deaths and 4,842 cases.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 5.—Forty-one new cases of infantile paralysis in the state, outside New York city, were reported today.

WEATHER FORECAST

Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday. Light, cool winds.

FEW ARRESTS, LITTLE DISORDER AS STRIKE HITS N. Y. TROLLEYS

New York, Aug. 5.—Although strikes were in effect today on nearly every surface car line in Manhattan, Queens and the Bronx, many persons were unaware that between 2,000 and 2,500 of the 6,600 motormen and conductors involved had quit.

With professional strike-breakers and loyal employees in the places of strikers, officials of the New York City and the New York and Queens County Railways said at 10 a. m. that almost normal schedules were being maintained on their lines. At the request of company officials, Police Commissioner Woods assigned a policeman to every car affected by the strike and, with the exception of a few minor demonstrations, there was no disorder.

Claims of the union and the companies conflicted; the companies asserting that less than 500 men had struck, while labor leaders declared the strike effected 80 per cent. of the 6,600 employees.

The cars were late in getting away from their respective barns, which led to the belief during the early hours of the day that a serious tie-up had been effected by the strike.

Reports received by Police Inspector Max Schmittberger during the early forenoon showed that 598 of the 1,291 cars operated normally by the New York City Railways Co. were in service, that the Third Avenue lines in the Bronx were operating 109 cars out of 262, but in Manhattan only 73 out of 505. In Queens, the reports said that 33 cars out of 171 were in operation.

About 50 cases of intimidation and other disorderly acts were reported to police headquarters, including a demonstration at one of the New York City Railways Co. car barns which police officers were called. There were few arrests.

In face of the police figures indicating that half the normal number

of cars were running, W. D. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railroad Employees, asserted that two-thirds of the employees had quit.

MAY STRIKE IN PHILLY.

Philadelphia, Aug. 5.—Members of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America were today waiting for a reply from the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co. to the demand of the association for an increase in wages and better working conditions. The demand was sent to President Thomas A. Mitten, of the transit company, yesterday.

Leaders of the Amalgamated Association said today they would call a strike of motormen and conductors in the event the company ignored its demands.

Power House Gang In New Haven Out

New Haven, Aug. 5.—Over the protests of officers of the Trolley men's union, stokers at the powerhouse of the Connecticut Co. struck today expecting to tie up the local trolley lines, on the heaviest traffic day of the week. These men have a two years' agreement with the company and on June 1 when the trolley men secured an increase in wage they also were given \$2.40 for an eight day in place of \$2.25 for a 10-hour day. Twenty-six men, constituting the day shift, stopped work today and demanded an increase. The plea of the Trolley men's union was that the stokers respect their agreement.

To meet the situation men from other departments were rushed to the powerhouse and they did the stoking. A police detail was sent there also but their services were not needed.

VICTIM DYING, STABBER SEEN LEAVING CITY

Police Seeking Veto Catone, Who Seriously Injured Gilbertoi.

With little hope being held out for the recovery of Michael Gilbertoi of 365 Pequonnock street who was seriously stabbed Thursday night by Veto Catone of 407 Benham avenue in a quarrel in which Mrs. Catone was punched in the eye by Gilbertoi, Catone has evidently skipped town as he cannot be found in his usual haunts. He was seen taking the 2:35 o'clock train for New York yesterday afternoon. Surgeons at the Bridgeport hospital state that Gilbertoi's condition is very serious and his death is believed to be only a matter of several hours.

In the city court yesterday morning Catone was arraigned on the charge of assault with intent to kill and his case was continued until Aug. 8 under bonds of \$1,000, furnished by his wife, who is said to be the owner of property valued at nearly \$25,000.

Thursday night Gilbertoi and Mrs. Catone engaged in an argument on Benham avenue and words were being exchanged very heatedly when Gilbertoi lost his temper and punched Mrs. Catone in the eye. Her husband witnessed the assault and with four companions pitched onto Gilbertoi. Catone used a knife in the scuffle and stabbed Gilbertoi in the chest and back.

In the ambulance, Gilbertoi was taken to the Bridgeport hospital and he has been in a serious condition since admission. At midnight word was sent from the institution to police headquarters that he was not expected to live an hour longer and Detective Martin Kane was detailed to get a statement from Gilbertoi.

Mrs. Gilbertoi was at the bedside. Her husband was so low that the detective was unable to get any statement from him.

Jeremiah Tierney, Greenwich Lawyer, Dead at 71 Years

Greenwich, Conn., Aug. 5.—Jeremiah Tierney, a former deputy judge of the borough court for 12 years and a one-term judge of probate, died at his home in Woodland Road today of paralysis. He was a brother of the late Bishop Tierney, of Hartford.

Mr. Tierney was born in Ireland and after coming to this side of the ocean he lived in Norwalk and became a hatter. He was at one time national secretary of the United Hatters of North America, probably the first secretary. He was admitted to the bar about 40 years ago. During the Civil War he was a member of the 69th New York regiment in Meagher's Irish Brigade.

Mr. Tierney is survived by his son, Judge William L. Tierney, and five sisters, one of whom was Mother Superior of St. Francis Orphanage in New Haven. He was 71 years of age.

JUDGE SCOTT III.

Word was received in this city today that Judge Howard B. Scott of the common pleas court is very ill at his home in Danbury. Judge Scott has been in poor health for the last year and has found difficulty in attending to court duties.

RECRUITING IN CONNECTICUT IS NOT SUCCESSFUL

Captain Bennett Believes Torrington Manufacturers Are Opposed.

Officers of the Connecticut Coast Artillery corps on recruiting duty for the National Guard in the various cities of the state, report very little interest among those they had hoped to enlist. More than 1,500 men are needed to bring the Connecticut units of the guard at Nogales, Ariz., and Tobyhanna, Pa., up to war strength. The recruiting officers find, however, that men in the Connecticut cities and towns are all employed and all well paid for their work. The prospect of indefinite service along the border for soldiers' pay does not appeal to them. First-Lieut. Arthur L. LaRoque, in charge of the recruiting work in this city, has four prospects in tow. These men have been sent to be examined by Major Frederic J. Adams, but they have not reported back to the lieutenant. No more recruits for the Field Artillery band at Tobyhanna have yet been received.

Capt. Arthur C. Bennett of the Fourth company, this city, now on duty at Torrington, believes he has discovered a combination of the manufacturers there to discourage enlistments. About 250 of the skilled factory workers of the town are now with the Connecticut National Guard units at the border or in Pennsylvania and the withdrawal of these men for service has seriously crippled their factory organization, it is claimed by the manufacturers and they opposing recruiting in consequence.

Capt. Bennett reports that the business men of the town have made every effort to aid him. He has no recruits as yet but has a number of prospects.

Republican Attacks On Mexican Policy Called Treasonable

Washington, Aug. 5.—Senator Lewis, the Democratic whip, spoke in the Senate today in reply to the attack upon the administration made by Charles E. Hughes, in his speech accepting the Republican presidential nomination. Republican strictures upon the administration's Mexican policy, Senator Lewis denounced as "treasonable." He charged that the clause of the Republican platform repudiating interference in the international affairs of Mexico was responsible for the massacre of troops at Carrizal.

Would Ban Parking In Cannon Street To Expedite Traffic

Change in the traffic ordinances to prohibit parking of vehicles in Cannon street between Broad street and Courtland street will be asked at the Common Council meeting Monday night. Motorists complain that automobiles and carriages are allowed to stand in this section for hours at a time.

Lately this street is much used by those who wish to avoid the congestion in Fairfield avenue but they find the standing autos and teams interfere with traffic.

GERMAN DEFENSE LINE ON 2,000 YARD FRONT IS SMASHED BY ENEMY

JOHN T. KING'S BUST TO ADORN G. O. P. QUARTERS

Famous Sculptor At Work on Reproduction of Republican Dictator.

Guzman Blanco, the great dictator of Venezuela, whose supreme reign in the "Presidency" of the South American republic lasted for nearly 20 years, found that in times of depression much public sentiment was stimulated by the erection of statues to himself.

While the same conditions do not obtain in Bridgeport, there are indications that at least the emblem of the Republican party—the massive elephant which has so often been seen at local Republican fetes—will disappear.

Plans are now on foot among the Republican leaders to perpetuate in bronze the features of their great leader and dictator—John T. King.

The project has so far advanced that the subject of a statue later to be cast has already been no less a celebrity than Gutzon Borglum, of Stamford. Several other sittings will be required before the cast is completed.

Just what use will be made of the replica when presented by the admirers of King to the Republican club of this city is not known today but politicians familiar with the project declare that it will likely make its appearance at the next public banquet to the leader.

National Guardsmen May Enter Reserves or Stay in Service

Washington, Aug. 5.—National guardsmen now in federal service who complete their required three years of active service will be transferred to the national guard reserve of their respective states or territories unless they desire to continue with the colors for the full six years of their enlistment, and if turloughed to the reserve, will be sent home at the expense of the government.

This announcement was made by the war department today. In computing enlistments full allowance will be made for time already served under superseded enlistment contracts. Men discharged from guard regiments on the border for physical disability or other causes will be mustered out at their state mobilization points. The government will pay transportation charges to the state camps.

Federal War Risk Bureau to Continue

Washington, Aug. 5.—The life of the government of war risk insurance was extended today until Sept. 2, 1917, in a bill passed by the Senate which already has passed the House. The bureau created when the war sent marine insurance to provide rates, has paid more than \$2,000,000 in profits to the government.

Diarrhoea Claims More Victims Than Paralysis Plague

The poliomyelitis plague claimed three victims here in July according to the record of vital statistics compiled in the town clerk's office. During the last month 210 deaths were recorded in Bridgeport. There were 155 deaths in this city during July, 1915.

Diarrhoea claimed the largest number, 68 babies less than two years of age dying of this disease. Pneumonia had 17 victims; tuberculosis, 15; cancer, 10; scarlet fever, 1; diphtheria, 1; from accident or violence 30 died. There were 69 deaths of babies less than one year old. Twenty-three persons aged 65 or more were numbered among the deaths.

Judge Turns Deaf Ear To Clemency Plea By Chauffeur

A plea for clemency because he would have to pay for the damage to his employer's automobile delivery car which he ran into a trolley car on State street west of Park avenue yesterday noon in trying to pass to the left of another trolley fell on deaf ears in the city court today and Frank Slovinsky, 25, 905 Hancock avenue, was fined \$15 and costs. He was charged with reckless driving and driving without an operator's license.

Slovinsky was driving the automobile for L. A. Vecsey, a West End plumber. He was driving west and tried to pass to the left of a trolley car going in the same direction. He ran head-on into an east bound car in charge of Motorman James Kelley. The car was damaged to the extent of about \$20 which Slovinsky will have to pay.

CARRANZA REPLY TO BE ACCEPTED, CAPITAL REPORT

Answer From U. S. Probably Will Wait Until Next Week.

Washington, Aug. 5.—The reply to General Carranza's note regarding the proposed joint commission to settle the border difficulties will not be formulated until President Wilson returns Monday from his week-end outing.

It was indicated that while not entirely satisfactory General Carranza's note is viewed as opening the way for broadening the scope of relations. Information has reached department of state that the note was intended to cover that possibility, although it does not mention the suggestion except by inference.

Company Careless But Not Culpable In Death of Linderoth, Finding

Although stating that the Austin Co. was guilty of carelessness in not putting a box around an electric switch, Deputy Coroner Stevenson said today he did not believe the company should be held criminally responsible for the death of John Linderoth, who was electrocuted while working at the Graphophone Co. Barnum avenue plant. The coroner's finding was that death was due to accidental causes.

The hearing was closed this morning after the coroner had questioned several employees of the Austin Co., the Cleveland, O., construction company by whom Linderoth was employed. The coroner said he was satisfied death was caused by a voltage of 220 volts entering Linderoth's body when a wire he was using came in contact with a switch. It was several minutes before the current was turned off and although Linderoth was in excellent health the shock proved fatal.

Fine Autoist \$25 For Avoiding Nurse at City Entry Point

Running down a red police lantern at Main and Vincellette streets last night instead of stopping for Police man Gunzenhauser and the nurse stationed there, cost Frederick A. Turney of Easton, \$25 and costs in the city court today.

Turney was driving down Main street and the red light had been placed midway between the west curb and the trolley tracks so that automobiles would halt to allow examination of children in the campaign against the spread of infantile paralysis. Instead he tried to drive over the light and had succeeded in the endeavor when Policeman Gunzenhauser arrested him for reckless driving.

July Postal Savings Business Makes Big Increase Over June

With an increase of \$48,609 business at the local postal savings bank jumped far ahead of even hoped for proportions during July. June, which previously was the greatest month in the history of the office, had a total increase of \$29,600.

A total of \$48,609 was placed on deposit in the bank during the four weeks just concluded. In July, 1915, the increase of \$8,669 was considered a good one. In that month the total receipts were \$28,182. It is expected that August's gain will bring the total deposit of \$441,443 up to the half million mark.

Two Women Held For Stabbing Man Whom They Robbed

Their victim in the hospital, weak from the loss of blood, but with prospects for recovery, two colored women were arraigned in the city court today for the robbery and stabbing of 18 year old Louis Bloukas, 806 Lafayette street, last night, in Gilbert street, near Lafayette street. Their cases were continued until August 11 under bonds of \$500 each.

CHILD LABOR BILL DEBATED.

Washington, Aug. 5.—The Senate continued debate today on the child labor bill, which will be passed one day next week. Southern Senators fighting the measure are basing their opposition on contentions that the bill is unconstitutional.

Night Attack By British Troops Penetrates Second System of Trenches Near Pozieres, and Many Prisoners Are Taken—Big Turkish Forces Making Terrific Attacks Against British Near Port Said—Heavy Fighting in Eastern Theatre of War.

London, Aug. 5.—The main German second line system on a front of 2,000 yards north of Pozieres on the Somme front has been captured by the British, it was officially announced by the war office this afternoon.

The statement says:—"North of Pozieres a local attack last night, in which Australians and troops of the new army took part, was completely successful. The German main second line system on a front of over 2,000 yards was captured, several hundred prisoners remaining in our hands."

"Repeated counter attacks subsequently delivered against the position captured were repulsed with very heavy losses to the enemy."

Disliking Work, Arms Shop Guard Abandons Bride of Four Months

Dislike of work by Peter Tyson, a guard at the Remington Arms Co., is believed to be the reason why he apparently has deserted his bride of four months and today she reported at police headquarters that she has not seen him in two days and believes that he has left her.

Tyson was discharged from the United States army last March and came to this city where he got employment at the munitions factory. Four months ago he married and with his wife went to live in Waldorf avenue. He has often complained of dislike for work and it is believed that the hankering for army life has caused him to again join Uncle Sam's forces.

Chemist To Examine Organs of Simonsky

The state chemist has been asked by Deputy Coroner Henry C. Stevenson to make an examination of the organs of Simon Simonsky, who died in Stamford a few days ago following a quarrel with John Brennan, said to be a relative of Chief of Police Brennan of that city.

Falls Off Rear Seat of Husband's Cycle

Thrown from the rear seat of her husband's motorcycle when it skidded the night of Sunday early last evening, Mrs. Ellen Cousins of 209 Cottage street suffered a laceration of the scalp and was stunned. She was taken to St. Vincent's hospital in the ambulance by Dr. J. F. Canavan and was reported as being in improved condition today.

Mrs. Cousins was riding on the rear seat and her husband was operating the machine going south on Park avenue. A wagon turned in front of them from South avenue and Cousins had to swerve sharply to avoid a collision. His machine skidded and Mrs. Cousins was thrown to the pavement.

ATTACH MCCANN'S LICENSE.

The county commissioners received notice this morning that a liquor license owned by James McCann and John P. McCann has been attached in a suit brought by William S. Buckley and James A. Buckley of this city. The license is located at 782-784 Broad street. It is alleged that the defendants owe the Buckley \$3,600 in goods purchased. The suit, which is returnable to the September term of the superior court, calls for \$4,000 damages.

CANDIDATES FOR SUFFRAGE.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Hannah J. Patterson, secretary of the National American Women Suffrage Association, reported to suffrage leaders here today that both candidates for governor of West Virginia have endorsed the women's suffrage amendment to the state constitution, which will be submitted to the voters in November.

TUG IS BLOWN UP.

Fall River, Mass., Aug. 5.—The ocean tug Albert J. Stone from New Bedford for New York, was blown up and sunk yesterday after striking a rock off Warren Point, in Buzzard's Bay, according to word brought here today by the crew. The men had abandoned the tug. The tug was owned in New York.

PRESIDENT ON CRUISE.

Fortress Monroe, Va., Aug. 5.—The naval yacht Mayflower with President and Mrs. Wilson aboard was cruising early today in lower Chesapeake Bay.

Big Turkish Force Attacking British Line at Port Said

London, Aug. 5.—British positions near Romani, east of Port Said, are being attacked by 14,000 Turks, according to an official statement issued by the war office. The Turks are attacking along a front of seven to eight miles, the statement says, and have so far been repulsed.

The text of the British official announcement says:—"The following report, timed 11:10 p. m., on August 4, has been received from the officer commanding in chief in Egypt: 'Since midnight of August 3-4, Turks whose strength is estimated at 14,000 have been attacking our positions near Romani, east of Port Said, on a front of seven to eight miles. 'The position at dusk on August 4 was that their attacks had made no impression on our fortified position, while on the southern flank the fighting also was in our favor, and between 400 and 500 prisoners had been captured there. 'Ships of the Royal navy rendered valuable assistance from the Bay of Tinn. 'Fighting still was in progress when this report was despatched. The temperature during the day reached 100 degrees in the shade.'"

An official statement issued by the Turkish war office on Friday stated that Turkish armies had attacked with machine guns British positions about 25 miles east of the Suez canal. Romani is a village near the coast of the Mediterranean and about 22 miles to the east of the Suez canal. It is about 10 miles northwest of Katia, where several engagements recently have been fought between the British and Turks.

Petrograd, Aug. 5.—Russian troops have crossed the river Sereth, south of the town of Brody and in the region of Penkaki-Tschistopady and have consolidated the captured positions, it was officially announced today by the Russian war department.

GERMANS RESIST STOUTLY

Berlin, Aug. 5.—Russian detachments which penetrated the German positions across the river Sereth near Ratzeburg, the statement said, it was officially announced in the statement given out today by the German army headquarters. Near Melkzygory and Tschistopady, the statement adds, the Russians are making a stand on the southern bank of the river.

FIGHT ALL NIGHT ON SOMME.

Paris, Aug. 5.—All German attacks on the French positions last night were repulsed, says the French official statement issued this afternoon, the Germans sustaining heavy losses. A bombardment of the most violent character took place over the entire front of the Thiaumont work and Fleury. The battle lasted from 9 o'clock last night until this morning the Germans making unsuccessful efforts, the statement adds, to drive the French from Thiaumont work.

SWEDISH SHIP TORPEDOED.

Stockholm, Aug. 5.—The Swedish steamer Commerce, 638 tons, loaded with 200 standards of batten consigned to England, was sunk yesterday off Soderhamn by a German submarine. The ship was carrying no contraband and the Swedish government will file a protest in Berlin against this and other recent attacks on Swedish shipping in the Baltic.

SURVIVORS FIRED UPON.

Syracuse, via Rome, Aug. 5.—The submarine which sank the Italian mail steamer Letimbro shelled the boats in which passengers were trying to escape, according to the stories told by 24 survivors who have arrived here. It is stated the submarine was an Austrian.

The Letimbro carried 120 passengers and a crew of 58. Nothing is definitely known as to the loss which is believed to have been large.

The four-masted schooner C. C. Mengel, Jr., was launched at Bath, Me.